## **HOUSE BILL 2764**

## By Floyd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 59-8-202, relative to surface mining.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 59-8-202(7), is amended by deleting subdivisions (A) and (B) in their entirety and by substituting instead the following:
  - (A) "Mineral" means, in any county having a population of more than six hundred thousand (600,000) according to the 1970 federal census or any subsequent federal census, clay, stone, gravel, sand, phosphate rock, metallic ore and any other solid material or substance of commercial value found in natural deposits on or in the earth, but does not include coal, marble, or chert;
  - (B) "Mineral" means, in any county having a population of six hundred thousand (600,000) or less according to the 1970 federal census or any subsequent federal census, clay, stone, phosphate rock, metallic ore, and any other solid material or substance of commercial value found in natural deposits on or in the earth, but does not include coal, marble, chert, or gravel;
- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.